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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An elongated packaging material for manufacturing a pouch, comprising:

a first elongated flexible sheet;

a second elongated flexible sheet layered on the first sheet;

a plurality of side sealing portions provided at side ends of each of the first and second sheets, the side sealing portions extending lengthwise of the first and second sheets; and

a plurality of cross sealing portions spaced from each other lengthwise of the sheets;

wherein each of the side sealing portions is provided with a plurality of projecting portions, each of the projecting portions projecting toward a center of width of the first and second sheets, between an adjacent pair of the cross sealing portions; and

wherein each of the first and second elongated flexible sheets includes a first wider width portion between each said projecting portion and a first of the adjacent cross sealing portions, a narrower width portion at each said projecting portion, and a second wider width portion between each said projecting portion and a second of the adjacent cross sealing portions.

2. (Original) The packaging material according to claim 1, wherein each of the first and second sheets is formed with recesses, outside of the projecting portions, widthwise of the sheet.

3. (Currently Amended) The packaging material according to claim 1, wherein a width each of the side sealing portions is larger ~~at a portion formed with the projecting portion than at other portions without the projecting portion~~ includes an inclined portion

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for connection to an adjacent cross sealing portion, the inclined portion having a larger width than other portions of the side sealing portion.

4) (New) The packaging material according to claim 1, wherein each of the cross sealing portions is shorter than a width of the first and second elongated flexible sheets at the first wider width portion.